

tinue to thrive near the west wall but are not aggressive. — NORTH DAKOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, FARGO.

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A FERN NEW TO RHODE ISLAND. — *Asplenium montanum*, not previously recorded as growing in Rhode Island, has been found in a well-established colony on sandstone cliffs at West Glocester, Providence County. The fern grows with *Polypodium virginianum* on a west-facing ledge (about 150 feet long) where it receives mixed sun and shade. On August 18, 1960 when John Hudson and I collected specimens, there appeared to be no surplus moisture on the cliffs, yet the plants were luxuriant in crevices or hung from the seams of stony recesses.

Records, mostly from the early 1900's place *Asplenium montanum* in these nearby Connecticut towns: North Stonington, Franklin, Scotland, Salisbury, etc. Whether it has only recently invaded Rhode Island, or has simply eluded detection for many years is a moot question. John Hudson who led me to its location was in turn shown it by Lewis Carpenter of Hope, R. I. in 1957. Not until Hudson and I visited it, however, were any specimens collected. These have been deposited with the University of Rhode Island Herbarium and The New England Botanical Club. — RICHARD L. CHAMPLIN, JAMESTOWN, R. I.